

# Creel Survey

April 4, 2011

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – At the trout hatchery, 24 boat anglers (8 boats) kept 21 steelhead and 2 chinook jacks and released 1 steelhead. 16 bank anglers kept 10 steelhead and released 1. At the salmon hatchery, 6 bank anglers kept 1 spring chinook.

**Wind River** – A couple boats before the high water; no report on angling success. Boat ramp blocked by logs last Sunday.

**Drano Lake** – One lonely boat here early Sunday morning; no report on angling success.

**White Salmon River** – 3 bank anglers had no catch. Bench at the mouth is underwater.

**Klickitat River** – 6 bank anglers had no catch.

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** - During the first three days of this month we sampled 3,074 anglers (including 1,054 boats) with 124 chinook and 5 steelhead. Boat anglers averaged a Chinook kept/released per every 22.3 rods based on mainly completed trips. A couple chinook were caught off the bank at Bonneville and between Vancouver and Woodland.

Ninety-eight (79%) of the Chinook caught were kept. We sampled 58 (59%) of the fish kept. Forty-nine (84%) were upriver stock based on Visual Stock Identification (VSI). Two (40%) of the steelhead caught were kept.

**The Dalles Pool** – Bank anglers are catching some spring chinook.

**John Day Pool** – Light effort and catch.

## Sturgeon

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** - A few legals were caught by boat anglers from Vancouver to Kalama.

**The Dalles Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some legals. Slow for legal size fish from the bank.

**John Day Pool** – Boat and bank anglers are catching some legals. The John Day Pool recreational sturgeon fishery closes to retention effective 12:01 AM Sunday, April 10, 2011.

## Walleye and Bass

**The Dalles Pool** – Including fish released, boat anglers averaged nearly 3 fish per rod. Bank anglers were also catching some walleye. No anglers were observed fishing for bass.

**John Day Pool** – Boat anglers are catching some walleye. The few boat anglers fishing for bass did very well.

## Trout

### Recent releases of catchable size brown trout and kokanee:

- Lewis County Park Pond near Toledo – 5,014 browns March 28;
- Swofford Pond near Mossyrock – 5,824 browns March 28;

- Lake Sacajawea in Longview – 3,870 browns March 29;
- Kress Lake in Kalama – 5,288 browns March 29;
- Merwin Reservoir – 26,390 kokanee March 25

| Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates: |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  | Totals: | %     | As of   | Guidelines: |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|---------|-------|---------|-------------|
|                                     | Jan  | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep |  |         |       |         |             |
| Bonneville <sup>1</sup>             | 1040 | 587 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  | 1,627   | 81.4% | Feb. 28 | 2,000       |
| The Dalles                          | 65   | 6   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  | 71      | 23.7% | Feb. 28 | 300         |
| John Day                            | 187  | 90  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  | 277     | 55.4% | Feb. 28 | 500         |

  

| Current month sampled sturgeon kept: |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |     |        |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|-----|--------|
|                                      | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep |  |     |        |
| Bonneville <sup>1</sup>              | 145 | 71  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  | 216 | Apr. 3 |
| The Dalles                           | 11  | 1   | 5   | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |  | 18  | Apr. 3 |
| John Day                             | 37  | 10  | 29  | 5   |     |     |     |     |     |  | 81  | Apr. 3 |

<sup>1</sup> Bonneville Pool closed to sturgeon retention Feb 18.

Harvest estimates are updated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary. Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

### WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary <sup>1</sup>

March 28 - April 3, 2011

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers. Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

| Sturgeon        |              |      |         |          |           |                   |       |              |      |         |          |           |                   | Combined |          |
|-----------------|--------------|------|---------|----------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--------------|------|---------|----------|-----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Reservoir       | Bank Anglers | Subs | Leg Rel | Leg Kept | Over-size | 2011 Cum Leg Kept | Boats | Boat Anglers | Subs | Leg Rel | Leg Kept | Over-size | 2011 Cum Leg Kept | Leg Kept | Leg Kept |
| Bonneville Pool |              |      |         |          |           | 18                |       |              |      |         |          |           | 198               | 216      |          |
| The Dalles Pool | 22           | 13   |         |          | 1         | 4                 | 5     | 18           | 52   |         | 4        |           | 14                | 18       |          |
| John Day Pool   | 43           | 25   |         | 3        |           | 16                | 8     | 25           | 12   |         | 4        |           | 65                | 81       |          |
| Total           | 65           | 38   |         | 3        | 1         | 38                | 13    | 43           | 64   |         | 8        |           | 277               | 315      |          |

  

| Salmonids       |              |           |          |          |         |                   |       |              |           |          |          |         |                   | Jacks Kept | Week     | Cum |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-------------------|-------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-------------------|------------|----------|-----|
| Reservoir       | Bank Anglers | Wild Kept | Wild Rel | Hat Kept | Hat Rel | 2011 Cum Leg Kept | Boats | Boat Anglers | Wild Kept | Wild Rel | Hat Kept | Hat Rel | 2011 Cum Leg Kept | Leg Kept   | Leg Kept |     |
| Bonneville Pool |              |           |          |          |         |                   |       |              |           |          |          |         | 2                 | 2          |          |     |
| Chinook         |              |           |          |          |         |                   |       |              |           |          |          |         |                   |            |          |     |
| Coho            |              |           |          |          |         |                   |       |              |           |          |          |         |                   |            |          |     |
| Steelhead       |              |           |          |          |         |                   |       |              |           |          |          |         | 2                 | 2          |          |     |
| The Dalles Pool | 41           |           | 2        |          |         | 12                | 1     | 1            |           |          |          |         | 8                 | 20         |          |     |
| Chinook         |              |           | 2        |          |         | 2                 |       |              |           |          |          |         |                   | 2          |          |     |
| Coho            |              |           |          |          |         |                   |       |              |           |          |          |         |                   |            |          |     |
| Steelhead       |              |           |          |          |         | 10                |       |              |           |          |          |         | 8                 | 18         |          |     |
| John Day Pool   | 6            |           |          |          |         | 7                 |       |              |           |          |          |         | 8                 | 15         |          |     |
| Chinook         |              |           |          |          |         |                   |       |              |           |          |          |         |                   |            |          |     |
| Coho            |              |           |          |          |         |                   |       |              |           |          |          |         |                   |            |          |     |
| Steelhead       |              |           |          |          |         | 7                 |       |              |           |          |          |         | 8                 | 15         |          |     |

  

| Walleye         |              |     |          |  |  |                   |       |              |     |          |  |  |                   |
|-----------------|--------------|-----|----------|--|--|-------------------|-------|--------------|-----|----------|--|--|-------------------|
| Reservoir       | Bank Anglers | Rel | Leg Kept |  |  | 2011 Cum Leg Kept | Boats | Boat Anglers | Rel | Leg Kept |  |  | 2011 Cum Leg Kept |
| Bonneville Pool |              |     |          |  |  |                   |       |              |     |          |  |  | 5                 |
| The Dalles Pool | 1            |     | 2        |  |  | 3                 | 18    | 41           | 10  | 106      |  |  | 293               |
| John Day Pool   |              |     |          |  |  |                   | 3     | 8            | 1   |          |  |  | 171               |

  

| Bass            |              |     |          |  |  |                   |       |              |     |          |  |  |                   |
|-----------------|--------------|-----|----------|--|--|-------------------|-------|--------------|-----|----------|--|--|-------------------|
| Reservoir       | Bank Anglers | Rel | Leg Kept |  |  | 2011 Cum Leg Kept | Boats | Boat Anglers | Rel | Leg Kept |  |  | 2011 Cum Leg Kept |
| Bonneville Pool |              |     |          |  |  |                   |       |              |     |          |  |  |                   |
| The Dalles Pool |              |     |          |  |  |                   |       |              |     |          |  |  |                   |
| John Day Pool   | 1            |     |          |  |  |                   | 1     | 2            | 30  | 2        |  |  | 2                 |

<sup>1</sup> Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

|            |                              | Sturgeon | Salmonids | Walleye | Bass  |
|------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Bonneville | Effort (% of 6-week average) | none     | none      | none    | none  |
|            | Catch Per Unit Effort        | none     | none      | none    | none  |
|            | Harvest Per Unit Effort      | none     | none      | none    | none  |
| The Dalles | Effort (% of 6-week average) | 104%     | 225%      | 125%    | none  |
|            | Catch Per Unit Effort        | 1.75     | 0.05      | 2.81    | none  |
|            | Harvest Per Unit Effort      | 0.10     | none      | 2.57    | none  |
| John Day   | Effort (% of 6-week average) | 83%      | 86%       | 14%     | 300%  |
|            | Catch Per Unit Effort        | 0.65     | none      | 0.13    | 10.67 |
|            | Harvest Per Unit Effort      | 0.10     | none      | none    | 0.67  |

Lower Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary  
 04/04/2011  
 noon

**Salmonid**

| Month/Week<br>4/1-4/3         | Sec. | Chinook         |                |       |                          |   |                        |   |                 | Other | #<br>Boats | Chinook        |       |                          |   |                        |   |       |  |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------------|----------------|-------|--------------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------|-------|------------|----------------|-------|--------------------------|---|------------------------|---|-------|--|
|                               |      | Bank<br>Anglers | Kept<br>Adults | Jacks | Released<br>Adults Jacks |   | Steelhead<br>Kept Rel. |   | Boat<br>Anglers |       |            | Kept<br>Adults | Jacks | Released<br>Adults Jacks |   | Steelhead<br>Kept Rel. |   | Other |  |
| Bonneville                    | 1    | 104             | 2              | 0     | 2                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0               | 7     | 13         | 0              | 0     | 1                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0     |  |
| Camas/Washougal               | 2    | 18              | 0              | 0     | 0                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0               | 66    | 171        | 8              | 0     | 0                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0     |  |
|                               | 3    |                 |                |       |                          |   |                        |   |                 | 233   | 622        | 29             | 0     | 4                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0     |  |
| Vancouver                     | 4    | 106             | 2              | 0     | 0                        | 0 | 1                      | 1 | 0               | 239   | 588        | 19             | 0     | 3                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0     |  |
| Woodland                      | 5    | 86              | 0              | 0     | 0                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0               | 67    | 160        | 8              | 0     | 4                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0     |  |
| Kalama                        | 6    | 31              | 0              | 0     | 0                        | 0 | 1                      | 0 | 0               | 125   | 294        | 8              | 0     | 1                        | 0 | 0                      | 1 | 0     |  |
| Cowlitz                       | 7    |                 |                |       |                          |   |                        |   |                 |       |            |                |       |                          |   |                        |   |       |  |
| Longview                      | 8    | 47              | 0              | 0     | 0                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0               | 163   | 391        | 12             | 0     | 4                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0     |  |
| Cathlamet                     | 9    | 47              | 0              | 0     | 0                        | 0 | 0                      | 1 | 0               | 56    | 130        | 1              | 0     | 3                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0     |  |
| private boats/bank<br>charter | 10   | 7               | 0              | 0     | 0                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0               | 98    | 259        | 9              | 0     | 4                        | 0 | 0                      | 0 | 0     |  |
| <b>Total</b>                  |      | 446             | 4              | 0     | 2                        | 0 | 2                      | 2 | 0               | 1054  | 2628       | 94             | 0     | 24                       | 0 | 0                      | 1 |       |  |

**Sturgeon**

| Month/Week<br>4/1-4/3 | Sec. | Chinook         |                   |                |                  |                |                   | #<br>Boats | Sturgeon       |                  |                |   |  |  |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---|--|--|
|                       |      | Bank<br>Anglers | Sublegals<br>Rel. | Legals<br>Rel. | Oversize<br>Rel. | Legals<br>Kept | Sublegals<br>Rel. |            | Legals<br>Rel. | Oversize<br>Rel. | Legals<br>Kept |   |  |  |
| Bonneville            | 1    | 2               | 0                 | 0              | 0                | 0              | 4                 | 5          | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0 |  |  |
| Camas/Washougal       | 2    |                 |                   |                |                  |                | 6                 | 15         | 1              | 0                | 0              | 0 |  |  |
|                       | 3    |                 |                   |                |                  |                | 2                 | 8          | 7              | 0                | 0              | 1 |  |  |
| Vancouver             | 4    |                 |                   |                |                  |                | 4                 | 10         | 7              | 0                | 0              | 0 |  |  |
| Woodland              | 5    |                 |                   |                |                  |                |                   |            |                |                  |                |   |  |  |
| Kalama                | 6    |                 |                   |                |                  |                | 3                 | 12         | 10             | 0                | 0              | 1 |  |  |
| Cowlitz               | 7    |                 |                   |                |                  |                |                   |            |                |                  |                |   |  |  |
| Longview              | 8    | 5               | 0                 | 0              | 0                | 0              |                   |            |                |                  |                |   |  |  |
| Cathlamet             | 9    |                 |                   |                |                  |                |                   |            |                |                  |                |   |  |  |
| charter               | 10   |                 |                   |                |                  |                |                   |            |                |                  |                |   |  |  |
| Cathlamet             | 10   |                 |                   |                |                  |                |                   |            |                |                  |                |   |  |  |
| <b>Total</b>          |      | 7               | 0                 | 0              | 0                | 0              | 19                | 50         | 25             | 0                | 0              | 2 |  |  |

**Walleye**

| Month/Week<br>4/1-4/3 | Sec. | Chinook         |      |      | #<br>Boats | Walleye         |      |      |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------|------|------|------------|-----------------|------|------|
|                       |      | Bank<br>Anglers | Kept | Rel. |            | Boat<br>Anglers | Kept | Rel. |
| Bonneville            | 1    |                 |      |      |            |                 |      |      |
| Camas/Washougal       | 2    |                 |      |      |            |                 |      |      |
|                       | 3    |                 |      |      |            |                 |      |      |
| Vancouver             | 4    |                 |      |      | 1          | 2               | 0    | 0    |
| Woodland              | 5    |                 |      |      |            |                 |      |      |
| Kalama                | 6    |                 |      |      |            |                 |      |      |
| Cowlitz               | 7    |                 |      |      |            |                 |      |      |
| Longview              | 8    |                 |      |      |            |                 |      |      |
| Cathlamet             | 9    |                 |      |      |            |                 |      |      |
| Chinook/Elochoman     | 10   |                 |      |      |            |                 |      |      |
| <b>Total</b>          |      | 0               | 0    | 0    | 1          | 2               | 0    | 0    |